the provision for Central and North Travancore is ab out 74 per cent. of the total allotment under communications.

Appointment of a Committee to report on Administrative Reforms.

46. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to appoint a committee with a non-official majority to formulate, and report on, the reforms in the general policy and the administration of the Government that are found to be urgently necessary?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): This is not a question asking for information and should properly be the subject of a resolution.

Development of Fisheries.

47. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the possibilities of fisheries in the State have been investigated?

(*b*) If so, will they be pleased to state whether such investigations have been embodied in any form accessible to the public?

(*c*) If not, do not the Government think it high time to take up the scheme at once?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) The possibilities of developing the fisheries of the State are being investigated, to the extent of funds and trained hands available. The present working of the Fishery Section of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries is based on the results of the investigations conducted so far.

(*b*) The results of the investigations hitherto made have been published in the annual Administration Reports and in leaflets and bulletins which are available to the public.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this question does not arise.

Lease of Lime-shells.

48. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the lease of lime-shells affects the shells washed ashore?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to state how far the sea-beds at Kadiapattanam and Vizhinjam are intended to extend for the purpose of the lease of lime-shells?

(*c*) What is the average number of *paras* and the average price at which Government have been buying lime per year before and after the lease arrangement?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) The lease of lime-shells does not affect the shells washed ashore by the waves.

(*b*) The area leased out for the collection of lime-shells at Kadiapattanam and Vizhinjam includes only those portions of the sea-bed which fall within the territorial waters of Travancore.

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